

Erie County Department of Senior Services  
Insurance Resource Center

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***Medicare Savings Program: Eligibility Worksheet***

You may be eligible for the Medicare Saving Program (MSP) that will pay the Medicare Part B premium. **This program also automatically makes you eligible for the Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) that will help with Part D premiums, lower co-pays and elimination of the gap in coverage. Please call 858-7883 for help.**

Below is a worksheet to determine *net income* to qualify for MSP. Net Income will then determine possible MSP level of coverage: i.e. QMB; QI-1. (see income guidelines sheet).

**Medicare Savings Program: Eligibility Worksheet**

Enter: Gross Income

Pension(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
SSA (Including Medicare Part B Premium) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Income\* \_\_\_\_\_  
\*(except bank interest) Total: \_\_\_\_\_

Subtract: Medical Premium(s)

Supplemental Premium or \_\_\_\_\_  
Medicare Part D premium \_\_\_\_\_  
(amount over basic plan cost) \_\_\_\_\_  
Medicare Advantage Premium \_\_\_\_\_  
Long Term Care Insurance \_\_\_\_\_  
Dental Premium \_\_\_\_\_  
Vision Premium \_\_\_\_\_

Minus Total: \_\_\_\_\_

**Net Income Total:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If NET Income is less than:**

Single: **\$2,260/mo.** or less  
Married couple: **\$3,057/mo.** or less

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As of April 1, 2023**

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## Medicare Saving Programs 2023

Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), also known as **Medicare Buy-In** programs or **Medicare Premium Payment** Programs, help people with Medicare (who do not qualify for Medicaid) pay for some of the costs of Medicare Part B.

To qualify for MSP, you must be eligible for or have Medicare Part A, receive Social Security benefits, and meet income guidelines.

There are three Medicare Savings Programs:

**QMB:** Qualified Medicare Beneficiary pays for Medicare's Part A and Part B premiums, deductibles and coinsurance.

- If you have QMB, you will have no coinsurance for Medicare-covered services you get from doctors who participate in Medicare and Medicaid or are in your Medicare Advantage Plan's network.
- There is no retroactive payment and it is effective the first of the month after application.
- An individual can be eligible for QMB only or for QMB and Medicaid.
- There is no asset test if applying for QMB only.

**QI-1:** Qualifying individual Program pays for Medicare's Part B Premium.

- Individuals cannot be eligible for QI-1 and Medicaid.
- The individual must have Part A.
- QI-1 are retro-active three months before the first of the month of application, but not retroactive into previous calendar years.

**Income Guidelines for Medicare Savings Program**

Program	Federal Monthly Income Net Income		Asset Limits
	Individual	Couple	Individual/Couple
<b>QMB</b>	<b>\$1677</b>	<b>\$2268</b>	No Asset Test
<b>QI-1</b>	<b>\$2260</b>	<b>\$3057</b>	No Asset Test

**QDWI:** Qualified Disabled and Working Individual pays for Medicare Part A premium only for disabled worker under the age of 65 who lost Part A benefits because of return to work.

- Individual must be eligible for or receiving Medicare Part A and B.
- An individual can be retro-active back to three months before the month of application if income and resources were within limits.

QDWI	Income Below	Resources Below	2022 Income Limits
Single	<b>\$3038</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	
Couple	<b>\$4108</b>	<b>\$6,000</b>	